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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Responsive to the Office Action dated April 23, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 23, 2007, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: